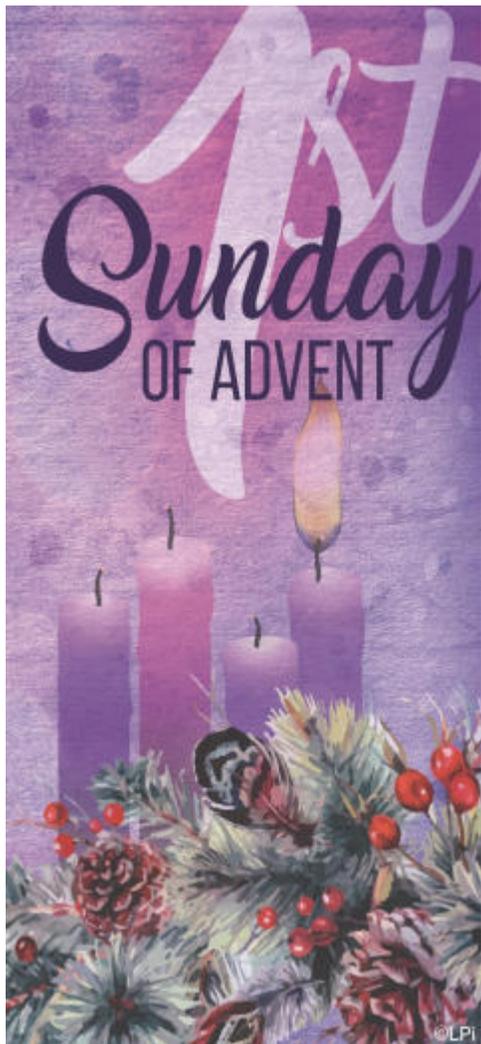


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November 28-29, 2020 | 1st Sunday of Advent | 1° domingo de Adviento



Reflection This weekend, Catholics recognize a new beginning of a year of prayer, what we call the “liturgical year”. Celebrating the Season of Advent well can produce much fruit: **preparation, alertness, joy, hope, and conversion.** (Those are just off the top of my head; can you think of other fruits of Advent?) This should be a time of new beginnings and spiritual awakenings. So, in the Gospel, Jesus urges us to “Watch!”

I certainly hope for a new beginning! As many of you know, I had to have spinal surgery (blown disk) and have been out of the picture for the last two weeks. I hope this weekend marks my return to some ministry, and in many ways refreshed spiritually. I am grateful for the prayers. To take from St. Paul in the second reading: *I give thanks to my God always on your account ..., that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians)*

These days, we are all honing our skill of adaptability. This continuous adaptation has led us to a habit of continually reacting to changing circumstances around us.

Well, I was literally knocked down; it forced me to be passive with no ability to willfully react. I have needed to rely on God and on the love of His people. I have needed time and healing to get back up on my feet. This has opened my eyes to how tiring and distracting it has been to be continuously reacting to ever changing circumstances. Holy alertness that Christ ask of us (“Watch!”) is an active alertness. However, we also should recognize a passive aspect, for we are clay the Potter’s hands. I invite you to consider being formed by the Holy Spirit this Advent, and to relieve yourself of the impossible task of reacting to *everything*. Consider how you can cultivate some fruits of Advent: preparation, alertness, joy, hope, and conversion.

Fr. Greg

MASS SCHEDULE

Cathedral of St. Raphael
Horario de Misa

Mon-Fri 7:30 am
Sun 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

St. Patrick Church

Tue & Thu Noon
Sat 4:00 pm
Sun (*Mass in Spanish*) 11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Cathedral of St. Raphael
Horas de Oficina

Mon-Thu 8:00 am–4:30 pm
Fri Closed

St. Patrick Church

Mon-Thu 9:00 am–12 Noon
12:30 pm–3:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am–Noon

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ADVENT I
November 29, 2020

Prelude

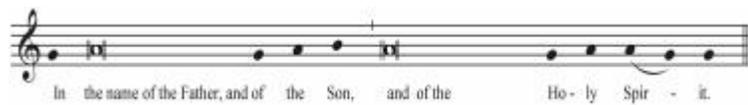
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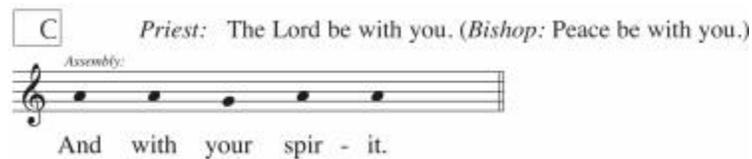
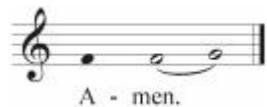
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Sign of the Cross|Greeting

Presider



Assembly



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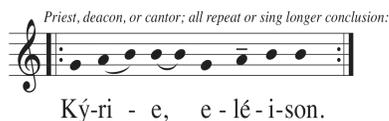
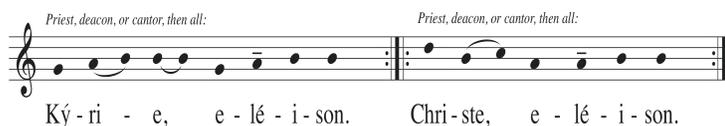
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do

(Striking breast) *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault,*

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider: *May almighty God.... everlasting life.*

Assembly: **Amen.**



Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

Psalm 80 *(Cantor will engage you in first and last refrain)*



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Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Homily



QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Gospel Reading Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?

Pregunta de la Semana Evangelio

Jesús instruye a sus discípulos a estar atentos al final de los tiempos. ¿Cómo puedes hacer de esta disciplina espiritual el foco de tu temporada de Adviento este año?

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Parish Mass Guidelines While we are happy to see members of our faith community in the pews, we ask that you keep in mind the guidelines put in place to ensure the safety of everyone attending Mass.

- Please wear a mask and socially distance following the signs on the pews.
- For Communion, please be seated as ministers will come to you. This creates a greater distance and is for the safety of the minister as well as the recipient.
- Please lower the kneeler in the pew you are seated so it can be cleaned following Mass.
- Please take the bulletin/worship aid and all other belongings with you when leaving Mass.

At Home Resources Some new items have been posted on our webpage to assist you in your prayer life at home, especially in these covid times. These include a guide for participating in live stream Masses, some activities which you might consider during Advent, and a guide to praying the rosary found at cathedralstpats.org/live-mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Quote *We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.*

Treasure Shared To Date *Due to early bulletin submissions, the money count for week 21 is not available.*

PASTOR'S UPDATE

Dear all, Among the many challenges of the present time is that during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we have early submission deadlines for the bulletin, so I am writing 10 days before you will actually be reading this. With so many things changing quickly, even on a daily basis, if my update seems outdated or out of touch, it may well be! Apologies in advance.

I hope that you all had some way to observe Thanksgiving and give thanks in for what we have.

In the mail this week you should have received a letter in the US mail with helpful hints for making the Advent season, which begins this weekend, a prayerful time for the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting, which taken on an even greater significance as we await a release from the scourge of covid-19.

For those who have been around the Cathedral, you may have noticed some white stakes in the garden area next to the Cathedral Center entrance. Through a donation, we have purchased a near to life size full crib scene which will be on display for the Christmas season. The stakes were placed now before the ground freezes.

I have heard many comments in recent weeks, and have likely said it as well, that we can't wait for 2020 to be over. It got me thinking, do we really want to wish our lives away? Instead, it has prompted me to recall something I found some years ago, "Just for today"-you may find it helpful

Have a great week!
Fr. Tom

JUST FOR TODAY

Today ... I will bring peace to my patch of this earth. Today ... I will remember that hope is the most important gift I can give my world.

Today ... I will not be a party to pessimism nor join the indifferent. Today ... I will remember that my joy is up to me

Today ... I love my enemies. I will pray for them. Today ... I extend my hand in help and forgiveness.

Today ... I pray for peace for all those with whom I come into contact. Today ... I stand with Christ the Peacemaker.

PARISH NEWS

End of Year Contributions As the end of the calendar year approaches, it is good to review one's contributions to your parish. While donations are always welcome, donations to be credited for 2020 will need to be at the rectory by **Thursday, December 31**.

A Gift That Keeps On Giving Researchers tell us the most-wanted present this Christmas is gift cards, and St. Patrick's has the perfect gift for you to give! SCRIP money cards are welcomed by dozens of local merchants. And as easy to buy as they are to give! When you purchase SCRIP you are also helping St. Pat's to raise money, since participating businesses contribute from 2% to 12% of a card's value back to the church. Purchase them by calling the St. Patrick Church rectory at ☎ 583-9749.

Religious Education Update This **Wednesday, December 02** is our first week having Zoom Religious Education. Be watching your email for the link for class this week. If you have chosen to switch to homeschooling, you should have received instructions from Jan. We are working on figuring out the details for the celebration of First Reconciliation, families please watch your email for the most up-to-date information.

Confirmation students will also be meeting via Zoom on **Sunday, December 13** at 10:30 am, a link will be sent out the week before class. If you have any questions, please contact Cassie ✉ dbq059ff@dbqarch.org.

Are you a practicing Catholic adult who for some reason was not confirmed? A program for adults interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation the program will begin on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021** and continuing through March 02, 09, 16 and 23. Sessions will start at 6:30 pm and conclude by 8:00 pm. If interested, please contact one of the parish priests.

NOV. 30-DEC. 06 CALENDAR

SR—St. Raphael • SP—St. Patrick • CC—Cathedral Center
Church doors open 30 minutes before Mass.
Weekly Mass Intentions Are Highlighted

Monday, November 30

7:30 am Ann Helling • SR

Tuesday, December 01

7:30 am Hans Weinert • SR

Noon Demelza Springer • SP

Wednesday, December 02

7:30 am Pat Cawley Anniversary • SR

6:30 pm Religious Education Classes • via Zoom

Thursday, December 03

7:30 am Dorrance Bakey • SR

Noon James Thompson • SP

Friday, December 04

7:30 am Vocations • SR

Saturday, December 05

4:00 pm Phil Ruff • SP

Sunday, December 06

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Sr. Ruth Jackson • SR

11:00 am For the People • SP

5:30 pm For the People • SR

- HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS -

Helping Hand Thanks to generous donors, St. Patrick's is in a position to financially assist Cathedral and St. Patrick parishioners who may be having difficulty providing gifts and meals for their families this Christmas. If you or someone in the parish you know will be needing some help this holiday season, please call the St. Patrick rectory at ☎ 583-9749 to tell us how we can be of assistance to struggling members of our parish families.

Sharing Christmas Memories In an attempt to connect with our parishioners who are unable to gather for Christmas Mass, and residents in care facilities, the faith formation team is asking families to write a Christmas Memory to share. These memories will be included in a Christmas card sent by the parishes. Please email your reflection to Jan Thyne ✉ dbq054ff@dbqarch.org. The deadline for mailing reflections to parishioners is **Wednesday, December 09**. Let's share some Christmas cheer to our parishioners!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Assembly Response Sung)

*** Blessing of the Advent Wreath

During Covid times, we do not have an offertory collection. Please place sacrificial offerings and donations in the baskets found at each entrance.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preface Prayer
Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

***** Please remain seated in your pew for the distribution of communion. The ministers will come to you.**

Communion Antiphon Repeat after Cantor



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Solemn Blessing|Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spir - it.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,

All: and the Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Priest or deacon: Go in peace. *Assembly:* Thanks be to God.

***** For Covid safety, please lower the kneeler in your pew so that cleaning ministers may identify pews to be sanitized after mass. Please also take your bulletin and all personal belongings with you as you exit.**

Recessional

Instrumental

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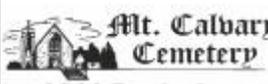
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